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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)
CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

10/579866INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/EP2004/053000INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
18 November 2004PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
19 November 2003

TITLE OF INVENTION

CUTTING UNIT FOR CUTTING CONTINUOUS CIGARETTE RODS

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (24) indicated below.
4. ☐ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☒ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(5)).
11. ☐ A copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report (PCT/IPEA/409).
12. ☒ A copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210).

Items 13 to 23 below concern document(s) or information included:

13. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
14. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
15. ☐ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
16. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
17. ☐ A substitute specification.
18. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
19. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
20. ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
21. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
22. ☒ Express Mail Label No. **EV801908743US**

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23. Other items or information: Please note that the enclosed Declaration (#9) is unexecuted. Also enclosed are the following: International Publication No. WO 2005/048746 A1 and a Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority		
The following fees have been submitted:		CALCULATIONS PTO USE
24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee \$300	\$	\$300.00
25. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article \$0 All other situations. \$200	\$	\$200.00
26. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). . . \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the as an International Searching Authority. \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the previously communicated to the US by the IB. \$400 All other situations. \$500	\$	\$400.00
TOTAL OF 24, 25 and 26 =		\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		
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CLAIMS NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA RATE		
Total claims 13 - 20 = 0 x \$50.00	\$	\$0.00
Independent claims 1 - 3 = 0 x \$200.00	\$	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> + \$360.00		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.		
SUBTOTAL =		\$ 900.00
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).		
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$ 900.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40 per property +		
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =		\$ 900.00
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 A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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- d. ☐ Fees are to be charged to a credit card. **WARNING:** Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.

NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO:


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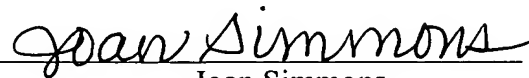
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CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

I hereby certify that the enclosed Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Submission Under 35 U.S.C. 371, International Publication No. WO 2005048746A1 (21 pages), a copy of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority, an unexecuted Declaration, Power of Attorney and Petition, an Information Disclosure Statement, a Form PTO-1449 with PCT International Search Report and cited references, and a return postcard are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on May 18, 2006 in Express Mail number EV801908743US.

Dated: May 18, 2006


Joan Simmons